the services of doctors of Indian origin who are on home leave to visit Medical Colleges and other Institutions for giving lectures, holding seminars, symposia and demonstrating their skills. The Medical Council of India has been designated as the nodal point for implementing the programme. For the year 1985, it has been decided that the scheme will be taken up for implementation in the following specialities and Institutions:—

1.	Urology	S.MS Medical College, Jaipur.
2	Cardiology & Cardio-theracic Surgery.	(i) G.S. Medical College; and (ii) KEM Hospital, Bombay.
3.	Neurology & Neuro-Surgery	Apollo Hosiptial, Madras.
4.	Gastro-entrology	G.B. Pant Hospital, New Delhi.

Appointment of Assistant Commissioner (Administration) in the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

1767. DR. R. K. PODDAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the post of Legal and Coordination Officer in the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan was created with Government's approval;

(b) whether that was converted into the post of Assistant Commissioner (Vigilance) and thereafter into Assistant Commissioner (Administration) arbitrarily;

(c) whether Government did not approve of the arbitrary manner of appointment of Assistant Commissioner (Administration); and

(d) if so, what corrective steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SMT. SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) A Steering Committee appointed by this Ministry examined the report of the management study of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan conducted by the Indian Institute of Public Administration. The Steering Committee recommended creation of a post of Assistant Commissioner (Legal and Coordination). This post has, however, been designated as Assistant Commissioner (Administration) by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and recruitment rules therefor framed accordingly with the approval of the Vice-Chairman and the Chairman, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan.

(c) and (d) The matter is being looked into.

Conference of Port Chiefs in Delhi

1768. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a conference of Port Chiefs was held in Delhi in the month of September, 1985 to review problem regarding congestion on ports in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details of the discussions held; and

(c) what are the decisions arrived at?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) A departmental meeting was held with the Chairmen of Calcutta, Bombay, Visakhapatnam, Kandla and New Mangalore Port Trusts to review the Congrestion at these Ports.

(b) and (c) The discussion centred round formulation of a plan of action to clear the congestion. To sort out the problem regarding scrap vessels, it was decided that norms for handling should be fixed and the vessels not keeping upto the norms could be pulled out. It was decided that at Calcutta more deployment of available labour be resorted to. In the cases of vessels not performing to the satisfaction of the port authorities, their movement out

should be considered. It was also decided that a suggestion may be given to the Ministry of Agriculture that they should concentrate on import of finished fertilisers primarily in non-monsoon periods.

Optimum profit limit for private sector connected with ancillary activities of the Railways

1769. SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have fixed the optimum limit for profit of the private sector investors connected with ancillary activities of the Railways;

(b) if so, what is the said limit; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in negative, what are the reasons for not fixing the limit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) Department of Railways being a Public Utility Department follows the principle of competitive tendering in respect of the various purchases made by them. No limit of profit as such is fixed and cases are dealt with on merits. In case the rate quoted is considered high, negotiations are conducted to bring down the prices.

Railway Fares and Freights

1770. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount collected by Railways through hike in railway fares and freights year-wise from 1982-83 to 1985-86; and

(b) the percentage of rise in railway fares from 1982-83 to 1985-86?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Accounts maintained on the railways do not identify the money collected separately through hike in railway fares and freights during any accounting period.

(b) The approximate percentage rise in railway fares is as under:

1982-83	17.5
1983-84	13.0
1984-85	7.7
1985-86	8.6

Withdrawal of the flights by the foreign airlnes from Calcutta

1771. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the foreign airlines which have decided to withdraw their flights from Calcutta airport;

(b) what are the reasons for which they are withdrawing these flights from Calcutta; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) British Airways had announced some time back their decision to withdraw their once-weekly Calcutta fight with effect from 1st December, 1985. Union of Burma Airways have also suspended their once-weekly Calcutta Rangoon service recently. These decisions are apparently based on commercial grounds.

Since air operations are governed by considerations of mutual commercial benefits, the Government cannot direct any foreign airline to operate on desired points routes.

Expenditure on expansion and modernisation of the International Airports

1772. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state what is the total expenditure incurred for expansion and modernisation of Calcutta, Bombay, Delhi and Madras airports during the Fifth and Sixth Five Year Plan periods?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): The total expenditure incurred on expansion and modernisation of Calcutta, Bombay, Delhi and Madras Airports during the Fifth Five